

The Rams' championship is the first in history and the fifth national championship title at Angelo State. This is a time to reflect upon the diligence, sacrifice, and determination that these young men have contributed toward the national championship, and I especially want to recognize Head Coach Kevin Brooks and his coaching staff.

Coach Brooks started the program in 2005 and has remained a dedicated leader of his team and of the young baseball players. I also want to recognize President Ronnie Hawkins for his leadership to the university and to the community.

Mr. Speaker, baseball isn't the only good thing going on at Angelo State. There are many things to celebrate, but today, I congratulate the Rams. Their achievement will forever be etched in the annals of history. Their success is a source of pride for our entire community, and they will inspire future generations of Texas-11 athletes for years to come. Today, we celebrate their victory and the unyielding pursuit of excellence that it represents.

Well done, Champions.

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#### IMPROVING PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS

(Mr. ROBERT GARCIA of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROBERT GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, America just went through the largest health crisis and loss of life event in the modern era. Due to the pandemic, we lost over 1.3 million Americans, including my own mom and stepdad. That is why I have introduced the FLASH Act to help strengthen our Nation's ability to respond to a public health crisis.

I was the mayor of Long Beach during the pandemic and worked every single day on the response. Both Governor Newsom and President Biden called our pandemic response a national model. We moved quickly to vaccinate 99 percent of seniors, protect frontline workers, and reopen schools ahead of most major cities, but in the first months of the pandemic, we struggled to get lifesaving equipment without Federal help.

My bill will help the Department of Health and Human Services cut through red tape to quickly buy and distribute PPE, tests, medical supplies, and vaccines. We need this bill, and that is why I am urging my colleagues to support this critical legislation.

#### EXPANDING THE U.S. AND INDIA'S PARTNERSHIP

(Mr. BURCHETT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to underline the partnership between

the United States and the Republic of India.

I recently met with India's consul general, Dr. Swati Kulkarni, and an entrepreneur, Mohit Mankad, in my Knoxville office. We talked about India's developmental journey, its leadership over the G20, and the growing partnership between our countries.

I believe it is important to the United States to align itself with countries that share its values, and our Nation clearly has a lot in common with India. They are, apparently, the oldest democracy in the world. We all value democracy, the free market, and international trade.

I see these values in my Indian constituents who came to this country to live out the American Dream. They work very hard to earn an honest living. They love their families, and they contribute to the communities around them.

I fully support expanding our diplomatic relationship with India. As we work toward that goal, I will encourage the Indian Government to make it safer for Christians and people of all religions and faiths to safely practice their faith in public as they do in a truly free society.

I think we would all benefit from a closer relationship and growing our shared values.

#### HONORING BLAIR NELSON

(Mr. FINSTAD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. FINSTAD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Blair Nelson, a friend and dedicated public servant who unexpectedly passed away on May 30.

Those of us who knew Blair knew him for his devotion to his family and his selfless commitment to serving others.

In 2010, Blair was elected to the Waseca County Board of Commissioners, where he found his true calling in public service. During his nearly 13 years as county commissioner, Blair paved the way for many projects, but he was especially proud to bring the Waseca County Veterans Memorial to completion.

Blair served on the executive board of directors for the Association of Minnesota Counties. Just 3 months ago, I was fortunate enough to give Blair and his colleagues a tour of our U.S. Capitol, something I will always remember when I think of him.

Blair's big personality, sense of humor, and positive spirit made him a friend to many across southern Minnesota. He was a proud husband, father, grandfather, coach, mentor, and friend. He will truly be missed.

RELATING TO THE CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. 503, IMPEACHING JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR., PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, FOR HIGH CRIMES AND MISDEMEANORS

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 529 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 529

*Resolved*, That House Resolution 503 is hereby re-referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Texas is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MCGOVERN), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, last night, the Rules Committee reported a rule to refer H. Res. 503 to the Committees on Homeland Security and the Judiciary. H. Res. 503 lays out articles of impeachment against President Joe Biden for his failure to secure the southern border of the United States.

We do a lot of things in this body, and we say a lot of things—I certainly do—about our beliefs and about what we think is happening to our country. What we are talking about here is, indeed, solemn. We are, in fact, talking about the mechanism provided by the Founders in the Constitution of the United States to check and hold the executive branch responsible.

The border crisis that we are experiencing today is extremely significant for the people in my home State of Texas. It is significant not just for Texas, of course, but for the entire country—but, in particular, for the people in my home State of Texas.

Since President Biden took office, there have been well over 5 million illegal migrant encounters along the southwest border. More than 204,000 illegal immigrants were encountered at the border in May alone. Those numbers are changing post-relaxing enforcement of title 42.

Mr. Speaker, 2 million aliens have been released into the interior of the United States, and 1.5 million, probably 1.7 million, maybe 2 million now, got-aways have successfully evaded border agents, by relatively conservative accounting.

Most concerning right now is the data we have shows that 125 individuals from the terrorist watch list have been encountered this fiscal year alone, and that compares to about 98 in all of last fiscal year and about 10 in the last year of the Trump administration.

The fact is, the people I represent are sick and tired of a Federal Government that is abdicating its fundamental duty to defend the border of the United States. That is what is happening.

The Federal Government exists primarily, borderline entirely, but certainly primarily, to defend the United States. That is why it exists. It is failing to do so not through maladministration, not through incompetence, but through dereliction of duty and a refusal to actually follow the laws of the United States.

The laws of the United States are there, expressly and specifically laid out, to ensure that our border will be protected, that our Nation will be secure. That is the fundamental question before us. When the executive branch fails to follow the law, when the executive branch fails to adhere to its duty to defend the Constitution and the laws of the United States, then what is it that the Congress, the people's House, is supposed to do in response?

The Founders gave us a mechanism. Here today, we are talking about putting forward and referring these articles to the Homeland Security Committee for determination of the extent to which the homeland is, in fact, not secure as a direct consequence of the refusal of the administration, well beyond maladministration but very specifically the refusal to follow the laws of the United States that is resulting in the direct consequence of the death and damage to the American people.

That is the truth. That is what we are experiencing. That is what we are experiencing in real time in Texas. My colleagues in Arizona, my colleagues throughout this entire country, are experiencing that in real time.

Just a few weeks ago, a Federal judge in the Northern District of Texas, Judge Reed O'Connor, issued an opinion, an order, and in it, he lays out: "Defendants, illegal aliens, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to transport and harbor illegal aliens. The sentencing information shows that on behalf of the Juarez cartel, defendants participated in an alien smuggling conspiracy. . . . The smuggling organization charged \$10,000 to smuggle an adult illegal alien into the United States and between \$12,000 to \$14,000 to smuggle a child illegal alien."

It goes on to lay out how they discovered that there was an illegal alien in Baltimore who was being held for ransom so that his family wouldn't be abused by the Juarez cartel in a stash house in Fort Worth.

The members told the husband that they would do things to his daughter he would not like if he did not make this payment of \$23,000, which he had not bargained for.

This is the state of affairs in our country. This is the consequence to those migrants who are seeking to come here, when my colleagues in the false name of compassion state that open borders are somehow good for them. This is causing crime to extend into our communities. This is causing us to experience the dangerous hand of cartels.

Just this morning, we had more news about cartels and their reach into Texas, into the United States. It is an everyday occurrence: bailouts, damage to ranches, harm to Texans, death to Texans, fentanyl. How many more fentanyl moms, how many more angel moms, how many more Americans need suffer because this President refuses to follow the laws of the United States that he raised his hand and swore an oath to defend?

That is why we are here, and that is why I support the resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Texas for yielding me the customary 30 minutes, and I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Oh my God, Mr. Speaker. Let's get real here. Nothing about this is serious, not the process, not the intentions of the resolution's sponsor, not the impeachment case, not a single damn thing.

Yesterday, Republicans dishonored this House and dishonored themselves by bringing to the floor a ridiculous censure resolution against ADAM SCHIFF because Donald Trump told them to.

Today, they are dishonoring this House and dishonoring themselves by bringing to the floor a ridiculous impeachment referral resolution against Joe Biden because Donald Trump told them to.

This body has become a place where extreme, outlandish, and nutty issues get debated passionately and important ones not at all.

In short, Mr. Speaker, the Republican Party is a joke. They talk about law and order when their frontrunner for President has been indicted on Federal charges.

They talk about respecting law enforcement. Then, they come in here and downplay the rioters who came in here on January 6 and beat up cops with fire extinguishers. I don't even know how they look the Capitol Police officers in the eye when they walk into this place.

They talk about how important it is that we follow a good process. Yet, the Rules Committee was called in late last night, literally at a moment's notice, where they deployed emergency procedures so we could refer this measure to a committee—what a spectacular emergency, truly something that needed to be done immediately.

We all know the truth. The real emergency here was that the Georgia wing and the Colorado wing of the MAGA caucus got into a fight right over there on the House floor about who gets to impeach the President first.

The truth is that Speaker MCCARTHY has lost control of this House, and it is being run by the MAGA fringe. This is nuts.

Kids get shot in their classrooms. Nothing.

Environmental disasters destroy entire communities. Nothing.

Our air is clogged with smoke because half the Northern Hemisphere is on fire due to climate change. Nothing.

But when the MAGA wing nuts say to jump, Speaker MCCARTHY says: How high?

According to news reports, it sounds like this resolution's sponsor is dictating to the Speaker which committees bills should be referred to, when he should put legislation on the floor, and how he should run this House.

That is who is in charge here, the MAGA extremists.

Frankly, they can try to impeach Joe Biden all they want, but all they are doing is impeaching themselves and making a mockery of this place while they are at it.

I get it. They don't like that their cult leader, Donald Trump, will go down in history as one of the worst Presidents we have ever had. They don't like that he was impeached twice and had a bipartisan conviction vote in the Senate. They don't like that Democrats tried to hold him accountable for trying to extort President Zelenskyy, who is now trying to defend himself from Putin.

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They don't like that Congress tried to hold him accountable again, this time for trying to overthrow the government on January 6.

They don't like that he had nuclear secrets in his bathroom and in his desk, and God knows where else, and waved them around like it was nothing.

You know what? They don't like themselves for having to stand by him time after time and defend his lies. I know many of my Republican colleagues say in private what they are not willing to say here in public, which is that they think this is an embarrassment.

Still, they are here on the floor defending a three-time loser, sexual abuser, ex-President that has been indicted more times than he has been elected. It is pathetic.

Instead of dealing with their own issues, Republicans are going after Joe Biden to try to distract and deflect.

H. Res. 503 claims President Biden is intentionally facilitating a complete and total invasion of the southern border. This resolution claims that foreign cartels have complete control of our border. Seriously? It is insulting to the

Border Patrol agents that they claim to support, the ones that put their lives on the line every single day.

By the way, just to talk facts for a second—which I know my Republican friends hate to do—since the end of title 42 on May 11, unlawful entries along the southern border have plummeted.

As of June 6, Customs and Border Protection has reported over 70 percent fewer encounters between points of entry or unscheduled encounters per day.

Fentanyl seizures have increased under the Biden Presidency. To make that clearer for my friends across the aisle, that means that more fentanyl is getting picked up at the border before it makes it onto our streets. They are attacking Joe Biden for stopping more fentanyl. It makes no sense.

No, they would rather talk about building a stupid wall along our southern border that they know won't work or about the nonbinding resolution they put on the floor this week that demonizes migrants but does nothing to fix our immigration system.

They have a policy disagreement with President Biden and their first impulse isn't to pass an immigration bill. Their first impulse is to impeach him. Our Founding Fathers must be rolling over in their graves.

They are doing this all so they can distract from the fact that Donald Trump stole top-secret information and stored it in his bathroom and showed highly classified Iran attack plans to people and bragged about stealing classified government documents on live TV.

Trump is the legitimate national security risk. Don't come to us with this phony BS about how President Biden is the reason we have a crisis at our southern border.

Republicans can yell and scream all they want. They can rant and rave so that they get on FOX News tonight. It doesn't make them right. It is doing untold damage to this institution. They have no respect for the traditions of this House. It is grotesque. It is embarrassing. It is shameful.

We aren't debating matters that help or uplift people, rather we are debating garbage to make Trump happy. It is cowardly, and it is sickening.

What we have here is a joke, just like this Republican majority—which is clearly going to be a temporary majority.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I just note that this morning Texas DPS troopers arrested a Gulf cartel operative in the Rio Grande Valley smuggling people across the river. After having been paid thousands of dollars, they were moving five illegal immigrants into the United States.

This is somebody that had been affiliated with a dangerous cartel. It is happening every day in the State of Texas because this administration refuses to do its job.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 6 minutes to the gentlewoman from Colorado (Mrs. BOEBERT).

Mrs. BOEBERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of my impeachment bill that will hold Joe Biden accountable for the dereliction of one of his most basic duties and allowing an invasion to take place across our southern border that has compromised the safety and security of the American people.

With the passage of House Resolution 529 today, the House is taking historic action. For the first time in 24 years, a House Republican-led majority is moving forward with impeachment proceedings against a current President.

This bill allows impeachment proceedings to proceed through the traditional institutional channels by building a body of evidence at the committee level through the Committees on Homeland Security and the Judiciary. They will report out impeachment based on the evidence, and then the House adopting a resolution, so that when a trial occurs in the Senate there is an existing evidentiary record to rely upon when holding President Joe Biden accountable.

Since his first day in office, President Biden has trampled on the Constitution through his dereliction of duty under Article II to take care that the laws be faithfully executed.

Instead of enforcing our immigration laws, he has lawlessly ignored them and released more than 2 million illegal aliens into the interior of the United States without any enforcement mechanism to ensure that they appear in immigration court.

His actions and open borders agenda demonstrate that he has no intention of enforcing our current immigration and border security statutes on the books. Rather, he is deliberately making a mockery of the rule of law. By ignoring congressionally enacted statutes, Joe Biden is threatening our constitutional Republic's sacred separation of powers.

The National Border Patrol Union even noted that the leadership of the Biden administration are "straight up liars." They even said, "We'd say they should be ashamed, but that implies they have a conscience." This is the most corrupt administration in U.S. history.

Joe Biden's lawless disregard for our Federal laws have incentivized more than 5.5 million illegal aliens to attempt to cross the border, overwhelming Border Patrol, and allowing an invasion to take place that is causing real harm to the American people.

The Biden border crisis and massive wave of illegal immigration has fueled a record-breaking fentanyl crisis. Since President Biden has taken office, over 100,000 Americans have died from fentanyl, including 1,800 Coloradans.

Under his failed leadership, Border Patrol agents have encountered over 42,000 pounds of fentanyl at the southern border. That is just what they have encountered. In addition to smuggling

fentanyl, the National Border Patrol Union has noted that "the billions of dollars that Biden's policies make for them" support a criminal enterprise of "rape, murder, torture, child sex trafficking, and kidnapping."

That is enough fentanyl to kill every American 28 times over. Innocent children are dying from fentanyl overdoses, and the devastation this deadly drug is causing to families and communities cannot be overstated.

President Biden's decision to cede operational control of the southern border to criminal cartels has endangered our national security. In just the first few months of fiscal year 2023, Border Patrol has already caught 125 people on the terrorist watch list trying to sneak into our country.

President Biden's lawlessness is threatening the very fabric of our constitutional system. Under the Founder's carefully crafted plan, Congress has the legislative power to pass the laws, and the President has the executive power to enforce the laws. The President does not have the power to arbitrarily overturn laws or to refuse to enforce the ones he philosophically opposes.

Rather, he is under a strict duty to take care that the laws of the United States are enforced. If a law is to be modified or overturned, only Congress has such power, not a rogue President taking unconstitutional, unilateral action.

By nullifying our immigration and border security laws through a systematic lack of enforcement, President Biden has not only threatened the lives of countless Americans with his fentanyl crisis and increased crime, he has threatened the very foundation of our separation of powers.

When a President tramples on the Constitution and ignores the laws on the books, it is Congress' solemn duty to restore our constitutional balance through articles of impeachment. Congress' power of impeachment was meant as the ultimate check and balance on the President.

The Founders hardwired this important accountability mechanism into our Constitution for such a time as this. To stand with the forgotten men and women across America who are suffering from Biden's record-breaking fentanyl crisis, to take action to secure the border, and to protect our constitutional separation of powers every Member should vote to hold President Joe Biden accountable.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, that was an awful lot. I don't have enough time to respond to all the inaccuracies that were just stated.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to insert in the RECORD an article from Newsweek titled "Fentanyl Surge

Started and Peaked Under Trump Despite GOP Blaming Biden.”

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Massachusetts?

There was no objection.

[From Newsweek, Feb. 11, 2022]

FENTANYL SURGE STARTED AND PEAKED  
UNDER TRUMP DESPITE GOP BLAMING BIDEN  
(By Alex J. Rouhandeh)

A major jump in fentanyl seizures at the border between fiscal year 2020 and fiscal year 2021 has placed President Joe Biden at the center of GOP criticism. However, the problem appeared to be mounting months before he took office.

The first time monthly fentanyl seizures saw a sizable spike over the last four years was in June of 2020 under former President Donald Trump when Customs and Border Protection (CBP) seized 713 pounds of the drug, an almost 200 percent increase from the month before.

Only once before then, over fiscal years 2020 and 2019, did the pounds of fentanyl seized in a month crack 400 pounds. However, following the June 2020 seizure, the pounds of fentanyl taken by CBP has surpassed the 700-pound mark each month all but twice. The two greatest monthly seizures of 1,212 pounds and 1,193 pounds both took place in October and December of 2020, just before Trump's turnover to Biden.

Nonetheless, certain Republican politicians have looked to place sole blame for the issue on Biden.

“The Biden administration's weak stance on border security and drug enforcement has enabled drug traffickers to send enormous amounts of fentanyl into our country,” Republican Congressman Madison Cawthorn of North Carolina said in a February 10 statement. “The carnage and destruction caused by these weak and incompetent policies must end now.”

“This has everything to do with the open borders policies President Biden imposed on day one of his term that has allowed an unprecedented supply of this drug to enter the homeland and devastate families and communities,” Republican Congressman Darrell Issa said in a February 8 statement.

So far, 117 Republicans joined together in signing a letter demanding the president take “immediate action” to address the crisis by supporting the classification of fentanyl as a schedule 1 drug (with accepted medical use) instead of a schedule 2 drug (substances with “high potential for abuse”).

Although fentanyl is used to treat pain in cancer patients, according to Med Line, Republicans argue that the drug should be reclassified to ensure law enforcement “has the tools they need to combat this threat.”

Funding for CBP drug enforcement activities through the National Drug Control Program has looked consistent over the past several years. Under Trump, almost \$3.8 billion went to CBP for drug enforcement in 2020, and over \$3.1 billion was allocated to the agency in 2019. Under Biden, over \$3.4 billion went to CBP through the Drug Program in 2021.

Following the Trump peaks in October and December of 2020, the fentanyl seized each month has generally hovered between 800 and 1,000 pounds. However, in December of 2021, CBP seized 549 pounds of fentanyl, the lowest amount seized since the June of 2020 uptick. The data for January and February of this year has not come out yet.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I want to talk about this accusation about open borders. I don't know how many times we need to say it, but the United

States does not have open borders. We didn't have open borders under Trump, and we don't have open borders under Biden.

Even the conservative CATO Institute knows that. Please stop incorrectly saying that our country has open borders. We do not.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to insert into the RECORD an article published by the CATO Institute titled “Biden's Border Policy Is Not ‘Open Borders.’”

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Massachusetts?

There was no objection.

[From the CATO Institute, Sept. 23, 2021]

BIDEN'S BORDER POLICY IS NOT “OPEN  
BORDERS”

(By David J. Bier)

Practically since his first week in office, President Joe Biden has faced repeated criticisms from Republicans and some Democrats that his border policy amounts to “open borders.” This criticism is not simply inaccurate: it is unhinged from reality in a way that distinguishes itself from normal political hyperbole. Indeed, U.S. immigration policy is effectively closed borders, and Biden's immigration policies and goals are largely the same as those of President Donald Trump.

Under U.S. immigration law, it is illegal for anyone in the world to travel or immigrate to the United States unless they fall into very narrow exceptions. Like Alcohol Prohibition—which had exemptions for religious, medicinal, or industrial purposes—America's immigration prohibition's small exceptions are irrelevant for the vast majority of potential immigrants. Effectively, if they don't qualify as a select few high skilled workers or family members of U.S. citizens, they can't come legally.

President Biden has not suddenly ended America's immigration prohibition and opened up U.S. borders to almost anyone who wants to come (as was largely America's immigration policy from 1776 to 1924). Instead, he has far more vigorously enforced immigration prohibition than the law requires, narrowing the few exceptions to the universal ban on legal immigration.

For example, one exception is for those facing persecution in their home countries. Biden has undisputed authority under the law to admit as many refugees from abroad as he wants. The president sets the limit and picks whoever he considers “of concern” to the United States. Yet Biden is on pace to admit the fewest refugees in the history of the U.S. refugee program, fewer than 10,000.

He won't let refugees in from abroad. But the law explicitly allows refugees to ask for asylum at U.S. borders even if they don't have permission: anyone “who arrives in the United States (whether or not at a designated port of arrival . . .), irrespective of [their legal] status, may apply for asylum.” In 1996, Congress clarified that agents “shall refer [any asylum seeker] for an interview by an asylum officer.”

Yet Biden won't follow that either. He has continued a Trump ban on “nonessential travel” at U.S. land ports of entry and requesting asylum isn't essential. So because they can't come in legally, they cross illegally, and since the law says they can apply “whether or not at a designated port of entry, irrespective of their legal status,” they should still have the right to request asylum.

But Biden is using another Trump policy known as “Title 42 expulsion” to imme-

diately deport as many asylum seekers and border crossers as possible without hearing their asylum claims. He's mostly dumping them in Mexico, just as Trump did with “Remain in Mexico,” just with a different name and on a much larger scale. Biden's still using the pandemic as a reason for this policy, despite the easy availability of effective vaccines for Americans who want them. But whatever the excuse, his goal is the same as Trump: immediately deport as many as he possibly can.

So what explains the reports of some immigrants being released into the United States? Is this “open borders”? Not at all. The numbers of arrivals so far exceed the government's capacity to turn them away that it has resorted to releasing a few of them as a last resort, but they are not “free.” They are arrested, detained, and charged as removable. They are illegal immigrants subject to re-arrest at any time.

The Biden administration has smashed all records for immediate expulsions without due process, increasing the rate from 62,000 per month under Trump to about 100,000, but Mexico will only take back its own citizens, Guatemalans, Hondurans, and Salvadorans, and even for the Central Americans, it will not take back young kids with their parents if it has no place for them to stay (how logical!).

So everyone else must be put on planes and flown back, but this takes far more time and resources than the government has. Immigrants must be detained, checked over much more thoroughly, and shipped to airports. There aren't enough detention facilities, agents, and airplanes to get this job done in enough time to avoid having to release some immigrants. The Biden administration has repeatedly said as much.

Don't believe them? Well, the Trump administration faced the exact same constraints, and they too released many thousands of immigrants from the border. But Biden has a much greater challenge now to keep up his closed border policies. The number of immigrants arriving from outside Mexico and Central America has exploded in the last few months, increasing from about 10,000 to more than 62,000 per month, requiring farther flights and more resources. Yet despite the releases, the number of removals or those sent to immigration jail far outnumber the number of releases about 3 to 1.

The illegal immigration problem would disappear if President Biden would simply let immigrants enter the country legally at ports of entry to request asylum, grant them work visas at consulates, or admit them from abroad under the refugee program or through “humanitarian parole”—a discretionary legal immigration authority that he has chosen only to deploy sparingly, mainly for Afghans. Yet Biden is keeping consulates closed and wasting more than 42,000 H-2B seasonal work visas that Congress authorized him to issue.

Ultimately, Biden has made a policy choice to let in as few immigrants as possible. He's not simply “enforcing the law.” He's finding every way possible to keep out immigrants. Yet despite this fact, he's still facing the same tired claims that he's for “open borders.” If he's going to get that claim regardless, he should just own it. Open America's doors, and let immigrants come legally.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, let me read an excerpt from the article—this is from CATO.

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criticism is not simply inaccurate: it is unhinged from reality in a way that distinguishes itself from normal political hyperbole. Indeed, U.S. immigration policy is effectively closed borders, and Biden's immigration policies and goals are largely the same as those of President Donald Trump.

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Mr. Speaker, I point this out because this is crazy what is being talked about here on the House floor. This is not about a policy disagreement; if it was, maybe my friends would actually pass a bill that had an alternative policy.

The bill that they brought up on immigration this week was a bill that was a nonbinding resolution. It did nothing. It was just their opinion that expresses the sense of Congress. It was a "nothingburger". If they wanted to, they would legislate in a way that would change a policy, but that is not what they want to do.

This is about protecting Donald Trump. Donald Trump says to them, you know: Jump. And they ask: How high? That is what this is about. This is about covering up for the former President. It is about deflecting from the former President's criminality, the 37 felony counts that he has been indicted on, and they don't like it. Unfortunately, that is who he is.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from Pennsylvania (Ms. SCANLON), a distinguished member of the Rules Committee.

Ms. SCANLON. Mr. Speaker, I cannot overstate the solemnness and sadness that I feel right now.

To see the House so debased by the invocation of our most grave constitutional duty—impeachment of a President—should disturb every patriotic American.

Just 49 years ago, Barbara Jordan, the great gentlewoman from Texas, invoked the solemnity with which any serious Member of Congress must approach our duties, and particularly the circumstances under which we should consider impeachment.

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That solemnity has guided the majority in this House in recent years as we have tried to navigate an extraordinarily tumultuous time in service to our Nation and our constituents—a time in which we have seen a rogue former President run roughshod over the guardrails of democracy and decency, compromising our national security and disparaging the courts, the free press, law enforcement, Congress, and anyone who would try to hold him accountable.

During that time, we impeached former President Trump twice, but we did so based upon a careful and close study of law, history, our Constitution, and rigorous factfinding, as well as consideration of the impact upon our country. We prayed. We prayed for guidance to discharge our duties to our country, our constituents, and our Constitution with fidelity.

Today, as we confront this deeply unserious effort to impeach a President to serve partisan political posturing and political profiteering, I have to return to the words of Barbara Jordan.

She cautioned: "Common sense would be revolted if we engaged upon this process for petty reasons. Congress has a lot to do: appropriations, tax reform, health insurance, campaign finance reform, housing, environmental protection, energy sufficiency, and mass transportation. Pettiness cannot be allowed to stand in the face of such overwhelming problems."

Jordan's words could not ring more true today. Common sense is revolted by the political grandstanding and petty stunts allowed by the House majority. Days on end are wasted catering to the whims of an extremist minority.

We are marking 6 months of one of the least productive Congresses in history. Under the control of this MAGA majority, we have made no progress in addressing the most pressing issues facing America, whether gun violence, hunger, opioid abuse, housing, immigration, health costs, tax reform, or the environment.

So I must oppose both this rule and the resolution, because in the words of Congresswoman Jordan: "My faith in the Constitution is whole; it is complete; it is total. And I am not going to sit here and be an idle spectator to the diminution, the subversion, the destruction, of the Constitution."

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I am moved by the references to solemnity after the chanting on the floor of the House yesterday for 5 minutes disrupting the Speaker of the House from carrying out his duties. I find it extremely moving.

I am also moved by the references to how we have not passed legislation, despite the fact that we passed H.R. 2, the most impactful border security legislation that has been moved off the floor of the House, without a single Democrat vote because they are ignoring what the administration is doing to the State of Texas, to migrants, and to the security of our country.

I am moved by the concerns for climate change which I am sure will assuage the angel moms and the fentanyl moms who have lost loved ones and the 72,000 Americans dead from fentanyl because my colleagues on the other side of the aisle and the President of the United States refuse to secure the border.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. CRANE).

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, I come to the floor today in support of the rule to

consider Representative BOEBERT's Articles of Impeachment against the President of the United States before the House Homeland Security Committee.

Under Article II, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution—the document Joe Biden swore an oath to defend—the President of the United States is charged with serving as the Commander in Chief, defending the Nation against threats, and ensuring the safety and security of all American citizens.

Joe Biden has utterly failed to fulfill his responsibility to we the people.

Our southern border faces a daily barrage of illegal aliens, human trafficking, and deadly fentanyl. It is an outright invasion, and Joe Biden is not only letting it happen, he is encouraging it.

Back in 2019, Joe Biden during his Presidential campaign said this:

"We are a nation that says: 'If you want to flee, and you are fleeing oppression, you should come.'"

He invited this invasion by sending up a flare signaling that anyone from anywhere could come exploit and abuse the American homeland.

Now, 2½ years into the Biden regime, we are seeing the effects of his complete dereliction of duty. Since he took office, more than 1.5 million illegal aliens have evaded apprehension. In fiscal year 2022 alone, 150,000 unaccompanied children crossed by themselves. This fiscal year nearly 100 members of the terrorist watch list have been incentivized to cross so far, and I remind the people in this House that it only took 19 individuals to commit the attacks on 9/11.

Tons of fentanyl have poured across the border with more than 17,000 pounds coming across since just October 2022.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I yield an additional 15 seconds to the gentleman from Arizona.

Mr. CRANE. Joe Biden is the patriarch of a perverted and corrupt political dynasty who is more interested in profiting off his position than protecting our Nation. His time in the Oval Office has been a disgrace, and he deserves to be impeached, which is why I support the passage of this rule.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to include in the RECORD an article from Politifact titled: "Are Biden's border policies to blame for fentanyl deaths? Experts say no."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Massachusetts?

There was no objection.

[From Politifact, Feb. 10, 2023]

# ARE BIDEN'S BORDER POLICIES TO BLAME FOR FENTANYL DEATHS? EXPERTS SAY NO

(By Maria Ramirez Uribe)

President Joe Biden may have been seeking a bipartisan solution to America's staggering fentanyl crisis when he raised the issue at his State of the Union address Feb. 8. But some lawmakers in the audience immediately tried to lay blame at his feet.

"Fentanyl is killing more than 70,000 Americans a year," the president said after introducing a father who lost his 20-year-old daughter to the drug.

There was an immediate uproar from Republican lawmakers, with some shouting "border" at Biden. Rep. Andy Ogles, R-Tenn., yelled, "It's your fault!"

It was a sentiment echoed by many Republican politicians and others on social media in the aftermath of Biden's address.

Kayleigh McEnany, a former press secretary for Donald Trump and now a Fox News contributor, wrote in a Feb. 7 Facebook post, "Joe Biden: 'Fentanyl is killing more than 70,000 Americans a year.' Why? Because of Joe Biden's wide open southern border he has done nothing to fix!"

The post was flagged as part of Facebook's efforts to combat false news and misinformation on its News Feed. (Read more about our partnership with Meta, which owns Facebook and Instagram.)

Although U.S. deaths from fentanyl, a powerful synthetic opioid, have risen sharply since Biden took office, data shows they've been increasing for the past decade, including during the Trump administration. Immigration encounters at the southern border have escalated under Biden, but the southern border is not open. Experts say the vast majority of fentanyl being smuggled in comes through ports of entry, not people trying to sneak into the country.

Sanho Tree, a fellow at the Institute for Policy Studies, a progressive Washington, D.C.-based think tank, said conflating migrants and drugs is an "old script" pushed for political advantage by Republicans.

Fentanyl "is not carried on the backs of migrants. Drug traffickers deal with professionals, not amateurs, and they prefer U.S. citizens," he said.

Alexandra Coscia, a Fox News spokesperson for McEnany, pointed us to several articles, including one from *Politifact*, that show the scope of the fentanyl crisis, as well as data showing yearly increases in the amount of the drug seized at the border. In 2021, according to a Washington Post article Coscia sent us, more than 100,000 people died from drug overdoses in the U.S.—two-thirds were from fentanyl—and the number of people killed by the drug has climbed 94% since 2019.

But that article, an overview of a multiple-part investigation by the Post, also blamed "successive administrations" for failing to detect the growing problem. It links to another Post article that said, "Presidents from both parties failed to take effective action in the face of one of the most urgent threats to the nation's security."

There were 71,238 U.S. deaths from synthetic drugs, mostly fentanyl, in 2021, according to the most recent data available from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. That is a 23% increase from 2020. Trump's final year in office, when there were 57,834 deaths. Overdose deaths from fentanyl and other drugs have been rising since 2014, according to CDC data. Why is fentanyl so deadly? Adam Isacson, defense oversight director at the Washington Office on Latin America, a research and human rights advocacy group, said the U.S. seems to be in what he called "the third wave of the 21st century opioid crisis."

After prescription opioids, "pill mills" and heroin, he said, "traffickers have found fentanyl even easier to produce—no need to plant poppy fields," he said.

"Each wave of opioid is even more concentrated than the last, requiring smaller and smaller amounts to get high—or to overdose. It's just too easy and cheap now to accidentally administer a fatal dose," Isacson said.

Drug users often don't know exactly what they're taking, he said. "It's not like there's a label" showing the contents.

Most illegally sourced fentanyl in the U.S. comes from Mexico through the southern border. Fentanyl seizures at the border have been rising since fiscal year 2015. Most recently, fentanyl seizures climbed from 11,200 in fiscal year 2021 to 14,700 in 2022, U.S. Customs and Border Protection data shows.

So far in fiscal year 2023, which started in October, border officials have seized more than 9,400 pounds of fentanyl. In November alone, 4,500 pounds were seized, nearly as much as was seized in all of fiscal year 2020.

Most fentanyl is smuggled at ports of entry by U.S. citizens, not by immigrants crossing the border illegally. About 9,100 pounds of the 9,400 seized so far this fiscal year were seized there. "The drug cartels have no need to send the drugs with people who are crossing the border without authorization," said Michelle Mittelstadt, communications and public affairs director at the Migration Policy Institute. "They are able to reach the U.S. market with ever-rising quantities of fentanyl by going through official crossings."

Immigrants who seek asylum and turn themselves in to authorities at the border are "not suitable contraband carriers," said Josiah Heyman, director of the Center for Inter-American and Border Studies at the University of Texas at El Paso. Neither are people who sneak into the country between ports of entries. Those immigrants are often arrested, and some get lost or die in the desert, he said.

"Drug smuggling operations don't want that sort of loss," said Heyman, adding that they prefer to smuggle the drugs in vehicles through ports of entry.

Although a lot of fentanyl is seized at ports of entry, some obviously gets through. Even a limited rate of smuggling success "is easily enough to supply U.S. demand," Heyman said. Isacson said although "we can't know what's not getting caught," it's likely that seizure data at the border "points to trends by showing a small share of total traffic."

There have been 4.5 million encounters with migrants at the southern border between February 2021, Biden's first full month in office, and December 2022. But McEnany is wrong to suggest that's because the border has been "wide open" since he took office, a claim we've tackled several times.

The Biden administration continues to enforce immigration laws and policies at the border, including Title 42, a public health policy that has so far quickly expelled more than 2.1 million immigrants. There are also fences, drones and surveillance technology, as well as about 20,000 U.S. Border Patrol agents who help limit who and what comes into the United States.

Border security funding under Biden is comparable to funding under Trump's administration. An omnibus spending bill passed in December will provide \$16.7 billion for Customs and Border Protection in fiscal year 2023. That includes \$88 million to increase personnel between ports of entry and \$60 million to hire hundreds of border patrol officers and other staff.

McEnany didn't say what specific border policies Biden should change. Ogles, who

shouted that the fentanyl deaths were Biden's fault, later told *The Hill* that Biden could "close that border with a stroke of a pen."

Mittelstadt said closing the southern border as Ogles suggests would require shutting down all entries and crossings along nearly 2,000 miles, including to legal traffic. She said the "policy conversation would have a better chance of succeeding" if it focused on better detection at ports of entry, better intelligence collection, disruption of drug cartel activities and more anticorruption efforts.

The Biden administration is touting investments to scan more vehicles at ports of entry and enlisting help from Mexico and other countries to disrupt suppliers.

"It will require a highly sustained and well-resourced set of operations to make a dent in fentanyl trafficking," Mittelstadt said. "There clearly is an incentive for Congress and the administration to work cooperatively together to provide adequate resources to respond effectively."

Mr. MCGOVERN. Fentanyl deaths in the U.S. were rising before Biden took office, and, in fact, he is intercepting more fentanyl than the previous administration did. I think we need the Republicans to get their facts straight.

The other thing I want to point out to my friends—and maybe they need to read their history books or read the Constitution—impeachment is about high crimes and misdemeanors. It is not about policy disagreements.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that Republicans would rather the American public pay attention to anything—literally anything—other than the latest charges that their leader has been slapped with.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to include in the RECORD an article from *The Washington Post* titled: "Here are the 37 charges against Trump and what they mean."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Massachusetts?

There was no objection.

[From the Washington Post, June 9, 2023]

# HERE ARE THE 37 CHARGES AGAINST TRUMP AND WHAT THEY MEAN

(By Rachel Weiner)

A court on Friday unsealed the federal indictment against Donald Trump and an aide over classified documents found at his Mar-a-Lago home and the men's alleged efforts to keep the government from finding the materials. Here's what we know about the charges against the former president, brought by special counsel Jack Smith.

## HOW MANY CHARGES DOES TRUMP FACE?

Trump is accused of violating seven federal laws but faces 37 separate charges. That is because each classified document he is accused of holding on to illegally is charged in a separate count, and his alleged efforts to hide classified information from federal investigators is charged in several ways. His longtime aide Walt Nauta faces six charges, five of which are also lodged against Trump.

## WHAT ARE THE CHARGES AGAINST TRUMP?

Espionage Act/unauthorized retention of national defense information: Trump is charged with 31 counts of violating a part of the Espionage Act that bars willful retention of national defense information by someone not authorized to have it. Such information is defined as "any document, writing, code

book, signal book, sketch, photograph, photographic negative, blueprint, plan, map, model, instrument, appliance, or note relating to the national defense, or information relating to the national defense which information the possessor has reason to believe could be used to the injury of the United States or to the advantage of any foreign nation." Technically, that information does not have to be classified, but in practice the law is almost exclusively used to prosecute retention of classified material. In Trump's case, prosecutors say that all but one of the 31 documents he is charged with illegally retaining were marked as classified at the "secret" or "top secret" level. The unmarked document concerned "military contingency planning," according to the indictment.

A conviction does not require any evidence of a desire to disseminate the classified information; having it in an unauthorized location is enough. But the crime requires a "willful" mishandling of material "the possessor has reason to believe could be used to the injury of the United States or to the advantage of any foreign nation." Charges are generally not brought without some aggravating factor making clear the retention was not accidental—such as evidence of intent to share the information, signs of disloyalty to the U.S. government, or simply the volume of documents taken.

Unlike other government employees, the president does not go through a security clearance process that includes a pledge to follow classification rules. But Trump received requests from the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) and subpoenas from the Justice Department indicating that the documents in question were classified and needed to be returned to the U.S. government. Prosecutors say he instead sought to hide them from federal investigators. And while the president can declassify most information, there is a process for doing so. According to the indictment, Trump twice showed classified information to others, once while saying that the document was still classified and lamenting that he no longer had the power to declassify it.

*Conspiracy to obstruct justice:* Trump is charged with one count of conspiring with Nauta to hide classified material from federal investigators, by lying to the FBI about what was found at the Mar-a-Lago and moving boxes of documents out of a storage room before agents searched the home. Trump specifically is accused of suggesting that one of his attorneys lie to the FBI and help hide or destroy documents.

*Tampering with grand jury evidence:* Trump and Nauta face two—counts of trying to keep evidence out of grand jurors' hands: one count of withholding the classified documents and one of corruptly concealing them. As part of those charges, Trump is accused of trying to persuade one of his attorneys to help conceal the documents, while Nauta is accused of hiding the evidence by moving the boxes of classified documents.

*Concealing evidence in a federal investigation:* For the same alleged conduct of hiding the classified information at Mar-a-Lago, Trump and Nauta separately face one count of concealing evidence with the intent to obstruct an FBI investigation.

*False statements:* Both Trump and Nauta together face one count of scheming to making false statements for allegedly hiding from the FBI and the grand jury that the former president still had classified documents in his possession. Trump faces a separate count for causing his attorney to falsely claim in June 2022 that all classified documents in the former president's possession had been handed over in response to a subpoena, according to the indictment. Nauta alone accused of lying to the FBI by falsely claiming that he had nothing to do with moving any boxes.

#### WHAT POSSIBLE PENALTIES DOES TRUMP FACE?

The maximum punishment for each count of unlawful retention of national defense information is 10 years in prison. Conspiracy to obstruct justice, tampering with grand jury evidence, and concealing evidence in a federal investigation all carry punishments of up to 20 years. Each false statement charge is punishable by up to five years in prison.

If Trump was convicted on all charges, the sentences could run consecutively, amounting to hundreds of years in prison. But federal defendants are rarely given the maximum possible punishment. He does not face any mandatory minimum sentences.

Sentences in unlawful retention cases vary widely, depending in part on how sensitive the material is, how much of it there is, how long the person held on to it and his or her cooperation with investigators. A Defense Department employee in Manila who took home a small amount of secret-level information to work on a classified thesis project served only three months behind bars. Kenneth Wayne Ford Jr., who was found guilty at trial of bringing home national defense information after leaving the National Security Agency and lying about the case, received a six-year sentence. A former NSA contractor who over two decades amassed a huge trove of highly sensitive material, including hacking tools and details of overseas operations, was sentenced to nine years in prison. A Navy sailor who took pictures of classified areas of a nuclear-powered submarine and then destroyed the evidence was sentenced to a year in prison for retention and obstruction; Trump later pardoned him.

Retired Gen. David H. Petraeus was given probation after pleading guilty to sharing classified information with his biographer. At the time, the crime of mishandling classified information—as opposed to national defense information—was a misdemeanor with a maximum punishment of a year behind bars. It became a felony during Trump's presidency.

#### WHAT OTHER CRIMINAL CHARGES DOES TRUMP FACE?

Trump is charged in New York State Court with unrelated crimes for conduct that predates his presidency. He is accused of falsifying business records to hide payments during the 2016 campaign made to an adult-film star to keep her from saying publicly that she had an affair with Trump.

Trump is also under investigation by a state prosecutor in Georgia, who is looking at his efforts to overturn President Biden's 2020 victory in that state. Smith is also investigating Trump's attempts to stay in office after losing the presidential election, including his pressure on officials in battleground states and fundraising off false claims of election fraud.

#### HAS TRUMP RESPONDED TO THE CHARGES?

The former president described himself as "an innocent man" being treated unfairly in comparison with Biden. Classified documents from the Obama administration were discovered in Biden's Delaware home late last year by lawyers cleaning out his home office. Biden's attorneys turned those documents over to NARA, and the president gave the Justice Department permission to search the home, as well as his beach house and think tank office. The White House has said that only "a small number" of documents from Biden's vice-presidential tenure were found. A special counsel has been appointed to oversee that investigation.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I would love to insert in the RECORD the entirety of the charges, but, apparently, I am told it is too long to be able

to be put into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

Let me say a couple of things. Trump is charged with 31 counts of violating a part of the Espionage Act that bars willful retention of national defense information by someone not authorized to have it.

He is basically charged with, among other things, conspiracy to obstruct justice, tampering with grand jury evidence, concealing evidence in a Federal investigation, and false statements.

Mr. Speaker, I get it. If I were they, I would want to talk about anything other than that, but those are the facts. No matter how you want to distract and deflect, Mr. Speaker, the American people are not going to ignore what I believe will ultimately prove to be criminality of the former President.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Mississippi (Mr. THOMPSON).

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the gentleman from Massachusetts giving me time.

Mr. Speaker, this resolution is simply the latest attempt by extreme MAGA Republicans to distract from the legal peril facing their twice-impeached, twice-indicted party leader.

This cynical resolution has nothing to do with border security, it does nothing to stopentanyl deaths, and it has nothing to do with constitutional law.

Extreme MAGA Republicans hoped for chaos at the Southwest border when title 42 pandemic restrictions ended, but migrant encounters last month actually decreased 15 percent according to Customs and Border Protection.

Now, since MAGA Republicans have no policy solutions, they are attempting a backdoor maneuver to advance a baseless impeachment of President Biden—something they openly admit they wanted to do from day one.

Under this rule, my committee will have to put aside its homeland security oversight and authorization activities to deal with the Boebert resolution, which is predicated on phony policy differences rather than any allegation that the President committed a crime.

Let that sink in, Mr. Speaker. The House Homeland Security Committee is going to become a venue for a political Presidential impeachment.

I have proudly served on the committee from its creation, and I guess if you are around long enough, Mr. Speaker, you will see everything.

Is this distraction for a disgraced ex-President the best way for the Homeland Security Committee to spend its time?

No, it is not. We know the answer, and it doesn't have to be that one.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote "no" on the rule.

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. DONALDS).

Mr. DONALDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 529.

Let's be very clear. The issue that is happening at our southern border—not the name-calling or talking about former President Trump—what is happening at our southern border today and for the last 2 years under President Biden has been a dereliction of duty with respect to immigration law in the United States.

If the other side wants to speak to the actual issues at hand, it is the fact that the asylum provisions under Joe Biden are a bastardization of asylum procedure as set forth in Federal law by Congress.

Mr. Speaker, Congress never anticipated that you would have 6 million-plus people come through the asylum process in 2 years. Congress never contemplated that you would have an asylum procedure where you would have people on a 7- to 10-year waitlist to actually go through an asylum procedure.

The President knows this is the case, and it is being done on purpose.

That is a congressional purview, and it actually is a dereliction of his duty to faithfully execute the laws of the United States.

So if the minority party wants to ask about why we are here, it is that. It is my belief and the belief of many Members on our side of the aisle that this resolution should go to the Homeland Security Committee so they can fully debate and go through the depths of which Joe Biden has been derelict in his duty to execute the laws with respect to immigration in the United States which has major impacts on the American people.

There are 100,000 Americans who have died from fentanyl overdoses because of his dereliction of duty. We have the drug cartels on our southern border who have operational control of the southern border because of his dereliction of duty.

If the President and congressional Democrats actually took the time to investigate this—like going to the southern border—then they would know this, too.

Mr. Speaker, I support this resolution, and Members should be in support of it, as well.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, let me say to the gentleman who just spoke that I know exactly why he is here. I don't think this is—and the American people know—this is not a serious effort. I know my friends don't want to talk about Trump. They want to talk about Biden. So let's talk about Joe Biden.

I want to make something clear: Not only is any talk of impeaching President Biden completely absurd—as many House Republicans know—but President Biden has been a historic success over the first 2½ years in office.

He took office in the throes of the pandemic and in the midst of the chaos caused by his predecessor trying to illegally hold on to power, but that hasn't stopped Democrats from making huge strides to improve the lives of every American.

Democrats jumped into action by enacting the American Rescue Plan in the President's first months in office. That law changed the course of the pandemic and set the course of our economic recovery to be the envy of the rest of the world. It lifted more than 5 million children out of poverty, it safely reopened our schools, and it put money back in the pockets of middle-class Americans.

Every Republican voted against those things.

President Biden signed the bipartisan infrastructure law which makes historic investments in our roads, our bridges, and our transportation networks while improving public safety and creating jobs all across the country.

We passed into law the biggest piece of gun safety legislation in decades, and we enacted the Inflation Reduction Act less than a year ago.

President Biden is now busy implementing that law which will cut prescription drug costs for our senior citizens, lower the cost of healthcare for millions of Americans, make historic investments in clean energy, and make American-made solutions to our climate crisis.

It will do all of that while lowering our deficit, unlike so many of the bills this Republican majority has brought to the floor which would do the opposite.

This isn't just me saying how great all of this is. During the Financial Services Committee hearing yesterday, Fed Chairman Jerome Powell was asked about inflation.

He said: "Everybody has very high inflation, the E.U., the United Kingdom, and many countries within Europe."

He made one more important point: "Our recovery is by far the strongest of any country."

Just look at the results more broadly. More Americans have jobs right now than at any point in American history. Over the past 2 years, more small businesses have been created than at any other period on record. More Americans have health insurance right now than ever before in our history.

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I could go on and on, but let me be clear. No one is saying things are perfect. There is a lot that we need to do.

We need to do more to keep our children fed. We need to do more to ensure every child gets the education they deserve. We need to do more to make sure the richest Americans pay their fair share. We need to do more to get guns off the streets.

I would love to see this Republican majority do anything at all to reach

those goals or do anything that means anything to anybody.

Instead, we are here today debating this latest attempt by the Speaker to keep the most radical members of his party behind him. Quite frankly, it is embarrassing, and it is pathetic.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. GOOD), my good friend.

Mr. GOOD of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, it is refreshing to hear my colleagues on the other side of the aisle want to be so sober about the issue of impeachment coming after being in the majority for 2 years when, for the first time in the history of the country, there were two impeachment charges brought in this very House.

Impeachment should not be political. It should not be cavalier. It should not be flippant. That would be bringing impeachment charges based on a phone call, where there was questionable content to a phone call, something that this current President is actually being investigated for by the House Oversight Committee as we speak.

It would be a cavalier, flippant impeachment investigation with just 1 week left in someone's term just to tarnish or attack their personal legacy with no opportunity for that to move forward other than just the charges.

It would be cavalier to announce right after an election that: We are going to impeach the MFeR.

That is what happened with our friends on the other side of the aisle.

There does need to be more consideration about whether or not impeachment is justified for depleting our Strategic Petroleum Reserve on the eve of an election for political reasons.

There should be more consideration as to whether or not a President should be impeached for taking authority that he says he doesn't constitutionally have the power to do, such as the eviction moratorium or the student loan transfer scheme.

More consideration might be warranted for the very things that are being investigated by the current Committee on Oversight relative to bribery allegations and influence peddling allegations.

What more investigation is needed for the border invasion? What more investigation is needed for the violation of Article IV, Section 4, responsibility to protect the States from invasion?

How long will we let this border invasion continue? Are we to let it go on for another year and a half? How many is too many after 7 million illegals have invaded this country?

There are 1.5 million got-aways. Of those criminal got-aways, if only 1 percent are dangerous individuals, that is 15,000 reckless, dangerous individuals intending harm on this country. Would anyone take those odds that only 1 percent of those 1.5 million got-aways are, indeed, bad actors?

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I will say to the gentleman that we are well aware that the previous President was impeached twice and justifiably so.

The first impeachment dealt with his effort to try to extort Zelenskyy into getting dirt on Joe Biden in exchange for assistance so that they could defend themselves against Putin. I guess no one should be surprised because the President seems to have this—the former President seems to have this obsession with Putin.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to include in the RECORD a 2020 Roll Call article titled: “Senate report outlines ‘grave’ Russian threat in 2016 election interference probe.”

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Massachusetts?

There was no objection.

SENATE REPORT OUTLINES ‘GRAVE’ RUSSIAN THREAT IN 2016 ELECTION INTERFERENCE PROBE

(By Gopal Ratnam)

The report details ties between the Trump campaign and Russia but doesn’t find evidence of coordinated scheme.

The Senate Intelligence Committee on Tuesday released the final report on its investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election, finding numerous contacts between the Trump campaign and Moscow posed a “grave” counterintelligence threat.

“We found irrefutable evidence of Russian meddling,” Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., acting chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, said in a statement, directly refuting President Donald Trump’s repeated assertions that Russian interference was a “hoax” perpetrated by Democrats.

The committee, however, did not find any evidence of a coordinated scheme between the Trump campaign and Moscow, Rubio said.

The nearly 1,000-page report outlines the “breathtaking level of contacts between Trump officials and Russian government operatives that is a very real counterintelligence threat to our elections,” Sen. Mark Warner, D-Va., the committee’s top Democrat, said in a statement.

The bipartisan congressional report closes the panel’s three-year probe into the Kremlin-led operation to influence and interfere in the 2016 presidential election. The fifth and final report involved interviewing 200 witnesses and examining more than 1 million documents, the committee said.

Previous volumes examined Russian attempts to break into U.S. election infrastructure, the Kremlin’s use of social media to divide American public opinion, the Obama administration’s failures to counter Moscow’s push, and a review of the U.S. intelligence agencies’ assessment.

The extensive final report nevertheless hides important new findings that have been “needlessly classified,” Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., said in a separate section of the report.

“That is unfortunate, not only because the counterintelligence concerns that surround Donald Trump constitute an ongoing threat to national security, but because this report includes redacted information that is directly relevant to Russia’s interference in the 2020 election,” Wyden said.

In a recent warning, William Evanina, director of the National Counterintelligence and Security Center, said Russia is actively interfering in the 2020 election, and “some Kremlin-linked actors are also seeking to boost President Trump’s candidacy on social

media and Russian television.” China and Iran are also attempting to shape the election, he added.

Top Democratic lawmakers, including Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Rep. Adam B. Schiff, D-Calif., chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, have asked Evanina to release more information.

The Senate Intelligence Committee report found that Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort’s presence “created opportunities for Russian intelligence services to exert influence over, and acquire confidential information on, the Trump Campaign.”

Manafort worked for Russian oligarch Oleg Deripaska and other Kremlin-affiliated Russians to mount influence campaigns in Ukraine, and in the process also hired and worked with Konstantin Kilimnik, a former Russian intelligence officer, the report said.

“The Committee obtained some information suggesting Kilimnik may have been connected to the GRU’s hack and leak operation targeting the 2016 U.S. election,” the report said, referring to the Russian military intelligence service by its initials.

U.S. intelligence agencies have said hackers working for GRU were directly involved in breaking into the Democratic National Committee’s servers as well as breaching the email account of John Podesta, Hillary Clinton’s campaign manager.

Manafort shared Trump campaign’s internal polling data with Kilimnik prior to the 2016 election. And in the months after November 2016, Manafort continued to work with Kilimnik and other Russians “to undermine evidence that Russia interfered in the 2016 U.S. election,” the report said.

“Manafort’s high level access and willingness to share information with individuals closely affiliated with the Russian intelligence services, particularly Kilimnik and associates of Oleg Deripaska, represented a grave counterintelligence threat,” the report said.

The hack and breaching of the DNC and Podesta email account were ordered by Russian President Vladimir Putin, the committee report said.

The stolen information was then exposed on WikiLeaks, and Trump campaign senior officials worked with Trump confidant Roger Stone to “obtain advance information about WikiLeaks’s planned releases,” the report said. Stone was later found guilty of lying to Congress, but Trump commuted his prison sentence.

The report said the committee uncovered previously unknown links between the Kremlin and the Russian lawyer Natalia Veselnitskaya, who arranged a meeting with Trump associates at Trump Tower in June 2016. After initially saying that the meeting was about Americans adopting Russian kids, Trump and his associates admitted the Russians offered to help the Trump campaign.

Veselnitskaya and Rinat Akhmetshin, who was present at the meeting “have significant connections to the Russian government, including the Russian intelligence services,” the report said. “The connections the Committee uncovered, particularly regarding Veselnitskaya, were far more extensive and concerning than what had been publicly known, and neither Veselnitskaya nor Akhmetshin were forthcoming with the Committee regarding those connections.”

The report also faulted the FBI for botching its investigation into the Russian influence and hacking operations, as well as the DNC for its response.

“The FBI could have, and should have, escalated its communications to the DNC much sooner than it did, but also that the DNC interlocutors did not assign appropriate weight to the FBI’s warnings,” the report said. “Communication on both sides was in-

adequate, further confusing an already complex situation.”

The agency also placed “unjustified credence” on a dossier by Christopher Steele, a former British spy, and used that information to obtain a surveillance warrant on a Trump campaign aide, the committee said. The agency did not budge from its position even as contrary information emerged later, the report found.

“During both of these matters, the FBI did not quickly identify the problem and adjust course when it became clear its actions were ineffective,” the report said.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, despite the former President’s repeated claims that Russian interference in our 2016 election was a Democratic hoax, a bipartisan Senate investigation and report released in 2020 made clear that there were extensive communications between senior Trump officials and people with strong ties to the Kremlin.

Senator MARCO RUBIO—the last time I checked, he was still a Republican—said: “We found irrefutable evidence of Russian meddling.”

The report is damning. The facts are clear. Russia interfered in an election.

The second impeachment was really in response to what happened here, and everybody saw what happened here: A violent mob broke into this Capitol.

Mr. Speaker, 140 Capitol Police officers were injured. The mob destroyed sacred property in this building. They tried to overturn a legitimate election. They attempted an insurrection.

I was in the chair, one of the last people off the House floor. I saw some of my Republican colleagues here, hiding, cowering behind Capitol Police because they were afraid of what was going on that day.

Now, they come to the floor and say nothing happened, that it was a perfectly wonderful day, a typical day of tourism at the Capitol. It is disgusting, the revisionism that we see here.

So you are damn right that he got impeached a second time. He deserved to be impeached. If that is not an impeachable offense, I don’t know what is.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. BIGGS), my good friend.

Mr. BIGGS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

I find it fascinating to listen to someone who lives in the Northeast, in a nice enclave protected from the border, stand up and say nothing about this is serious. Tell that to the victims of this border-crossing invasion. Tell that to them. They say: Oh, all the fentanyl is being stopped at the border.

It is just incredible.

What is going on between the ports of entry? Sure, we catch it at the ports of entry. Why? We have massive amounts of resources there. Between the ports of entry are wide open spaces.

The last time I was down there—when was the last time you were there? I go down often. I live in Arizona. I get down to the border.

The last time I was there, we were driving along and didn't see Border Patrol for miles. Do you know what we came upon? We came upon 21 individuals.

There is no town. There is no village. We asked them how they got here. The coyotes dropped us off and told us keep walking north. In that group were two babies under the age of 1 year.

I am telling you, this is a result of the dereliction of duty that has put this country in jeopardy. That is why this needs to go to the Committee on Homeland Security, so they can further investigate this. That is why it needs to be there.

Laugh if you will. That is the reality. You don't appreciate the seriousness of this, the gravity of it.

Laugh at it if you will, but you get to go to the angel families and explain to them why their kid or a member of their family was killed by an illegal alien who came into this country. You get to go to the parents.

You get to go to the parents of individuals who have lost their lives due to the fentanyl that you apparently claim is all being interdicted. It is dangerous. We have terrorists and criminal gang members coming in.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. NORMAN), my good friend.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to direct their remarks to the Chair.

Mr. NORMAN. Mr. Speaker, I find it humorous, for those watching on TV and for those in the balcony, that they keep talking about President Trump. They won't talk about the current President, Joe Biden.

I am going to start off with a compliment. He has been able to accomplish being the worst President and has replaced Jimmy Carter as the worst President this country has ever had of all time, and it is because of his policies.

I support this going to the Committee on Homeland Security because, as has been said, the border is wide open. The gates are open.

How many more deaths do we have to have? How many more of our young people have to die? Mr. Speaker, there were 100,000 last year of record. As a Border Patrol agent said, there are no drug treatments in a morgue.

How long are we going to have an administration that is going to take the handcuffs and put them on the police?

How long are we going to have an administration that is going to deplete our oil supplies and buy it from countries that don't like us?

How long are we going to have an administration that is going to support abortion regardless of the term? How long?

Ask the average businessowner in this country if he is having a good year or a bad year. Are prices coming up or

going down? We have the worst inflation that we have had in a long time, and it simply cannot go on.

The election cannot come quick enough. This man has sold out. This man has to be replaced.

Homeland Security is the right way for this resolution to go because we will get the facts. I fully support it. I thank Mrs. BOEBERT for taking the lead on this.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, the gentleman said something that I agree with: The election cannot come soon enough.

I think people are just sick and tired of my Republican friends defending a three-time loser, sexual abuser, ex-President that has been indicted more times than he has been elected. It is pathetic.

We should be working on matters that actually help people. That is why Democrats have been fighting not only for commonsense gun safety legislation and investments in job creation and environmental protection, but we have also been insisting that we get a guarantee from the majority here that they don't go after Social Security and Medicare.

Mr. Speaker, I urge that we defeat the previous question, and I will offer an amendment to the rule to provide for consideration of a resolution assuring our constituents that the people's House will protect and preserve Social Security and Medicare for our future generations and reject any cuts to these essential programs.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to insert the text of my amendment in the RECORD along with any extraneous material immediately prior to the vote on the previous question.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Massachusetts?

There was no objection.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I will say to my friends that while you want to distract and deflect from all of Donald Trump's legal problems, they continue to mount.

I think there will be probably more charges, I expect, in the coming weeks and the coming months. While my colleagues do not want to talk about things like Social Security and Medicare because they are the party of privatization, the party of trying to undercut Medicare, we are going to fight them on those things.

We are going to continue to be a voice for the people of this country, for our senior citizens, for those who believe that Social Security and Medicare are important. We will not be deflected or deterred by whatever this circus is that is going on here today.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. OGLES), my good friend.

Mr. OGLES. Mr. Speaker, Joe Biden's border policies have led to an all-out

land invasion at our southern border, which is why the Homeland Security Committee should be investigating.

Joe Biden's border policies have led to a drug crisis and thousands of fentanyl overdoses across our Nation—again, the jurisdiction of the Homeland Security Committee.

Joe Biden's border policies have led to the murders of countless Americans at the hands of illegal aliens—again, a priority for the Homeland Security Committee.

His blatant dereliction of duty to preserve, dereliction to protect, and dereliction to defend the United States of America and the American people deserves impeachment.

Instead, Joe Biden has demonstrated time and again, in policymaking and political decisions, that he prioritizes illegal aliens over American citizens, over our wives, our daughters, and our children.

His gross neglect and refusal to take action at the border warrants removal from his post—again, why the Homeland Security Committee must investigate.

That is why I support Congresswoman BOEBERT's Articles of Impeachment and referral to committee.

The CBP had a record number of encounters with terrorists at the southern border. The security of our Nation is being undermined by foreign enemies because they know we have weak leadership.

We need to remove Joe Biden from the Oval Office and ensure that Americans are safe. We need a leader that puts America and its people first, not illegal immigration.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Congresswoman BOEBERT, Speaker MCCARTHY, and Chairman GREEN for taking this up, and I urge all my colleagues to support the referral of Articles of Impeachment to committee.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I have to say that my friends on the other side of the aisle look small and pathetic and like losers. When they lose this House, this is going to be a reason why.

Mr. Speaker, my friends keep talking about open borders. That is an insult to the men and women in our Border Patrol who are risking their lives to protect our borders. It is just not true.

I entered in the RECORD an article by the conservative think tank, the Cato Institute, but facts don't matter. It is what plays on FOX News and how we can distract and how people can make up things.

I will also say, Mr. Speaker, that try as they might to deflect from the former President, we can't turn our back on what he has done.

Look, Trump literally can't help himself. He has admitted multiple times on air, during interviews, and to

others that he stole and shared top-secret government information. Talk about a national security threat. The call is coming from inside the house.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to include in the RECORD an article from Rolling Stone titled: "Trump All But Confesses to Mishandling Classified Docs on FOX News."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Massachusetts?

There was no objection.

[From Rolling Stone, June 19, 2023]

TRUMP ALL BUT CONFESSES TO MISHANDLING  
CLASSIFIED DOCS ON FOX NEWS  
(By Miles Klee)

A week after his second post-presidential arrest, this one for his alleged mishandling of classified documents after leaving the White House, Donald Trump turned to Fox News host Bret Baier on Monday to make the case for why he should lead the country again. But he ended up essentially confessing to the crime of which he's accused: stealing and sharing top-secret government information.

Before that, however, Baier pressed Trump to explain why he kept the boxes of classified materials at Mar-a-Lago and refused to comply with government requests to return them, as described in his new felony indictment. In between dismissing the case as "the document hoax" or accusing other presidents of illegally hoarding their own sensitive documents, Trump offered the bizarre explanation that he couldn't give up the boxes to authorities because they also contained . . . his clothes.

"Like every other president I take things out," Trump said. "In my case, I took it out pretty much in a hurry. People packed it up and left. I had clothing in there. I had all sorts of personal items in there. Much, much stuff." After a brief digression to call his former attorney general Bill Barr a "coward," Trump reiterated, "I have got a lot of things in there. I will go through those boxes. I have to go through those boxes. I take out personal things." Finally, he clarified what those items were: "These boxes were interspersed with all sorts of things: golf shirts, clothing, pants, shoes, there were many things," he said.

While not wanting Dark Brandon to seize your golf shirts may prove a compelling argument in court, another of Trump's evasions seems less likely to hold water. Baier also brought up one of the most damning parts of the federal indictment, a recording from July 2021 in which Trump is heard showing off a document detailing an attack plan against Iran, revealing that it's still officially secret and he no longer has the power to declassify it. Trump blustered for a moment about what he actually said, then pivoted to the claim that he wasn't even holding a particular document—despite corroborating testimony from others in the room when it happened. No wonder this guy's lawyers keep quitting on him.

"Bret, there was no document," Trump insisted. "That was a massive amount of papers and everything else, talking about Iran and other things. And it may have been held up or may not. That was not a document. I didn't have any document per se. There was nothing to declassify, these were newspaper stories, magazine stories, and articles." When Baier referred again to the facts of the recording laid out in the indictment, Trump said, presumably of the prosecutors: "These people are very dishonest people, they are thugs." He also suggested they could be "stuffing" the boxes with incriminating material.

Later on, the pair got into a debate on the results of the 2020 election, with Baier trying in vain to remind the former president that he lost while Trump rambled on about fake ballots. The rest of the conversation involved Trump bashing Biden's international diplomacy, from Ukraine to the Middle East to China, and musing about how much better things were with him in office.

Afterward, Fox News chief political analyst Brit Hume said that Trump's answers regarding matters of the law were "on the verge on incoherent," and specifically mentioned the bizarre detail of not returning the boxes of classified documents because they hadn't been "separated from his golf shirts or whatever he was saying." Overall, Hume said, it sounded as if Trump was making the argument that the papers were his to do with as he liked, "which I don't think is going to hold up in court."

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Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MILLS), my friend and an Army veteran.

Mr. MILLS. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to be here today to support Representative BOEBERT's request for this to be referred to the Committee on Homeland Security with regard to the dereliction of duty under this administration and this President's policies.

As a United States Army combat veteran, I have fought abroad for the majority of my adult life. I have spent over 7 years of my life in Iraq, over 3 years of my life in Afghanistan, Kosovo, Pakistan, and northern Somalia. I have been blown up twice, and I am a Bronze Star recipient.

I went overseas for the purpose of protecting this Nation and ensuring that terrorists do not have the ability to come to threaten our lives and threaten our children, but under the failed policies of this President just this last year, in the last 7 months, we have had over 96 people who are on the known terrorist watch list who have crossed our borders.

I would love to know from this President and from everyone else here: Why did my brothers go and die in the thousands? Why did we waste 20-plus years of our lives fighting terrorism? Why did we go ahead and botch the Afghan withdrawal and leave our allies behind if we were just going to open our borders anyway to them?

Tell me why it was that we were going to vote to fight in these wars to protect this Nation when this President and his failed policies were going to do nothing but open up our borders to the terrorists who are coming across daily.

We will see another 9/11-type attack if we continue this type of unsafe policy and do not get ahold of this right now.

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I want the record to reflect that the previous President of the United States supported an insurrection to basically steal the election.

My friends think it is funny, but I will tell you this: Laugh in the face of the Capitol Police.

Mr. Speaker, 140 of them were injured. People lost their lives, and the best you can do is laugh—is laugh—about what happened that day? I mean, that is disgusting.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will remind all persons in the gallery that they are here as guests of the House and that any manifestation of approval or disapproval of proceedings is in violation of the rules of the House.

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I am prepared to close, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, may I inquire how much time I have remaining?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Massachusetts has 4 minutes remaining.

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, we are now in week three of an ongoing temper tantrum by the radical right because they didn't get to cause a catastrophic default.

First, they ground the House floor to a complete halt, and now they are jumping over each other to circumvent regular order and diminish this institution in order to look as extreme as their most fervent supporters.

What is getting lost in the meantime is any legislation that would actually help the American people.

We could bring more jobs back to America.

We could expand the middle class and further fight inflation.

We could provide every student with the opportunity to receive a quality education.

We could ensure every patient has access to affordable and quality healthcare.

We could make sure every single person has a roof over their head and food on the table.

We could do more to keep our communities safe.

We could invest in mental health and substance abuse programs.

We could fund projects that will make our air cleaner and our water purer.

We could pass a bipartisan immigration bill, if it is such a big issue to my friends on the other side of the aisle.

There is so much we could do if given the chance, but this Republican majority is clearly far more concerned about scoring political points than they are about making life better for everyday Americans.

Because the Speaker is not in control of this Chamber anymore, they are wasting the House's time with a debate on whether to send this extreme MAGA resolution to an extra committee instead of just voting to table it.

One final word for my Republican friends, Mr. Speaker: Everything that